

News from Calvary

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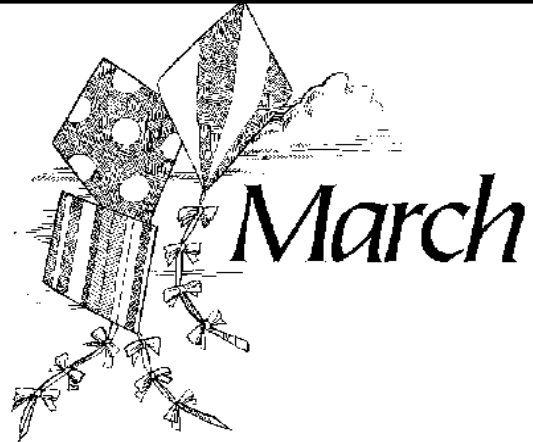
From the Pastor:

As I drove home I saw the words flash up on the electric sign board at the tire company: "21 days until spring". I said to myself: "that can't be right." The snow on the sides of the road is still piled high, and on the radio there are threats about more snow in a day or two.

As I said in worship a few weeks ago: "This is the first winter in my 32 years here that has really reminded me of my home in Buffalo. Back there I can remember walking down the street to an Easter morning worship, in my new yellow slacks and green sports coat, all squeezed under my blue parka, and on the sides of the street the snow banks were still over my head. I hope this Easter will not be like that one; hopefully spring will truly arrive in 21 days. Of course right now I am just praying that March doesn't come in like a lion, because I am afraid it will devour at least this Christian.

It is interesting how weary we can become in our waiting, and how, when we are waiting, we tend to put off activities that could be accomplished... "I'll do that after spring has sprung." The problem with such deferred activity is that it can become a way of life, and eventually we are doing nothing, especially anything new. The work of God is ever before us and is always new.

Recently I was reading a book by Brian McLaren, who will be speaking at St. Mary's Seminary on Monday March 15th. In the beginning of a chapter McLaren was quoting from a charge given by the pastor of the Pilgrims, just before the party set sail for America. This pastor, John Robinson, didn't go with the original party, and he died before ever rejoining his congregation. Still he encouraged



those setting out not to be limited, in their action, by his vision of ministry. He went on to say:

"The Lutherans cannot be drawn to go beyond what Luther saw. Whatever part of His will our God has revealed to Calvin, they (Lutherans) will rather die than embrace it; and the Calvinists, you see, stick fast where they were left by that great man of God, who yet saw not all things. This is a misery much to be lamented. For though they were precious shining lights in their time, yet God has not revealed his whole will to them. And were they now living, they would be as ready and willing to embrace further light, as they had received."

A new Kind of Christianity, Brian D. McLaren, pg. 25.

I will never forget hearing a friend of mine, the pastor of a very large congregation in Georgia, say that he thought for all 9,000 people in his congregation. I felt kind of sorry for those 8,999 people walking around with brains they didn't really need to ever use.

The Church is always in need of all of the gifts of all of its people. I hope that you will continue to come and share yours with us... even if we were to get a spring snow, God forbid.

UPCOMING EVENTS: **Wednesday Evening Programs as usual**

March 14th: Daylight Saving Time begins. Set your clocks forward.

You may still bring in your gifts for
1. Canned goods for the Canton Center.
2. The Morris Chair at the Thailand Baptist Seminary.

March 7th Communion, Service of Baptism

March 8th:

12 Noon – Annie Armstrong Circle meeting in the church, Elizabeth Amos and Rose Brandoff as hostesses. Please bring a sandwich.

The Circle is preparing to collect materials for the Migrant Worker Kits in April.

7 30 p.m. Needles & News meeting at the home Lucy Moore

WEDNESDAY

6:15 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir

5:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

March 14th

Coffee Hour immediately following Church Service.

March 15th

7:30 p.m. Lecture at St. Mary's Seminary
by Dr. Brian McLaren.

MONDAY March 22nd Sarah's Hope Work Day 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Come help in the morning ... Just sign up on the back of a card today to let me know of your plans.

March 28th Palm Sunday. Pick up cakes for Our Daily Bread.

April 1st 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service of Prayer and Communion

Following is a list of our elected Deacons who will begin July 1st.

Chairman of the Board of Deacons

Fred Ray

Deacon for Communication/Vice Chairman

Kathy Wright

Deacon of Finance/Treasurer

George Burton

Deacon of Records/Church Clerk

Mary Frantz

Deacon for Stewardship/Financial Secretary

Ann Ray

Deacon for Building & Grounds

Susan Byrne

Deacon for Adult Education

Ruth Kulkarni

Deacon for Children & Youth Education

Susan Edwards

Deacon for Church & Family Life

Melissa Hillman

Deacon for Missions & Outreach

Alta Schuster

Deacon for Ministry & Pastoral Care

Wendy Wallace

Deacon for Worship

Ellen Gniazdowski

Annie Armstrong Circle wishes to thank everyone for the contributions for Our Daily Bread. Contributed are

1500 tea bags (approximate cost \$100),

740 lunch bags (approximate cost \$38),

1600 Zip Lock sandwich bags (approximate cost \$90).

Thanks to everyone.

Congratulations to our most recent college graduates **Greg Romano**, from Towson University in the field of Business Communications.

Whitney Topping also graduated from Towson University's School of Nursing. Whitney will be taking her nursing boards in mid-March. We pray that both of these students will be successful in all they do.

March 2010

Dear Members and Friends:

It is time once again to make arrangements for our Easter flowers.

Would you be interested in purchasing one or more of the beautiful chrysanthemum or lily plants to be used for our Easter Service April 4,2010?

The price will be \$7.50 each.

Please make your check payable to Calvary Baptist Church and send along with the bottom half of this letter with your information to me or to the Church.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Ann Coughlin
4417 Fieldgreen Road
Baltimore, MD 21236

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Yes, I would like _____ lily plant(s) _____ yellow chrysanthemum, _____purple chrysanthemum, to be loaned or donated (circle one), in

memory of _____

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$ _____ .
(Please mark check "For Easter Flowers")

Signature

Address
